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SUBJ: TOLBERT INAUGURATION: USDEL DEPARTURE STATEMENT

REF: A) STATE 294805, B) MONROVIA 7567

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT FOR DEPARTURE STATEMENT BY HEAD OF USDEL. SALUTATION ASSUMES DEPARTURE WILL BE ATTENDED BY GOL OFFICIAL OF MINISTERIAL RANK. THIS, HOWEVER, WILL DEPEND ON RANK OF HEAD OF USDEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, FRIENDS:

ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, MS. SMITH, MR. JONES AND CHARGE BEAN, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR FEELINGS OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT.

WE ARE ALL NATURALLY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE CONSIDERATION AND THOUGHTFULNESS SHOWN US DURING THIS IMPORTANT PERIOD. BUT WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL, AS WELL, THAT WE HAD THE PLEASANT DUTY OF REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AT THIS SECOND INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT.

WE HAVE HAD ALMOST A FULL WEEK IN YOUR COUNTRY. WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SOME OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT CIVIC EVENTS AND IN OTHERS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE AND INTEREST. WE HAD AN IMPORTANT AND FRUITFUL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT. WE HAVE MET A DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP AND SEEN A VIBRANT SOCIETY. WE LEAVE WITH THE  
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WARMEST FEELINGS OF ADMIRATION AND RESPECT.

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE, AND I KNOW THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE FRIENDS IN THE FUTURE. FOR PRESIDENT FORD, AND INDEED FOR ALL AMERICANS, I WISH PRESIDENT TOLBERT, VICE PRESIDENT GREENE AND THE PEOPLE OF LIBERIA ALL THE VERY BEST SUCCESS IN THE PERIOD NOW BEGUN BY THESE IMPRESSIVE AND HISTORIC MOMENTS. IT HAS BEEN OUR GREAT PRIVILEGE TO SHARE IN THEM. END TEXT.

3. "EVER SINCE," A LOCAL TOUCH, IS LIBERIAN WAY OF SAYING FOR A VERY LONG TIME.  
PENBERTHY.

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